(317) 571-2500 December 2005

Crime Watch Coordinators and Block Captains:

The holidays are upon us and we hope everyone is doing well. We would like to thank all of you for your assistance this past year. Your involvement in the crime watch program provides us with another set of eyes. Remember, crime prevention starts at home. Look in on your neighbors this holiday season and remind them to secure their homes while they are away. We look forward to working with everyone next year and hope that 2006 will be a good year.

Crime Watch Program

Our crime watch program continues to grow. We have fifty-five active neighborhoods in the program. If you know of any neighborhoods that are interested in participating or would like information, please have them contact Ann Gallagher at 571-2720.

Annual Crime Watch Meeting

The date for the annual meeting with the Crime Watch Liaisons will be Wednesday, February 22, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Carmel Police Department training room.

Be an active part of your crime watch community and participate in this important meeting!

For questions, contact Ann Gallagher at 571-2720.

Severe Weather Driving Tips

The following information is provided by State Farm Insurance Agency

Snow and ice can make driving hazardous. Keep these tips in mind the next time the weather turns hazardous:

On Ice Or Snow

- Bridges and overpasses freeze first.
 Slow down and avoid sudden changes in speed or direction.
- Keep windows clear of snow and ice.
- Keep your speed steady and slow but not too slow. In deeper snow, it's often necessary to use the car's momentum to keep moving.
- Use brakes cautiously. Abrupt braking can cause brake lock-up, which causes you to lose steering control.
- Antilock brakes are designed to overcome a loss of steering control. To make antilock brakes work correctly, or work at all, you should apply constant, firm pressure to the pedal. During an emergency stop, push the brake pedal all the way to the floor, if necessary, even in wet or icy conditions.
- If you get stuck in snow, straighten the wheels and accelerate slowly. Avoid spinning the tires. Use sand or cinders under the drive wheels.

Be Alert

Remember to call and report any suspicious activity. Non-emergency line 571-2580, Emergency Dial 911. We appreciate all the help you can give.

Questions, Comments or Concerns, Please give us a call.

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